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WINTER 2002

Come to campus for Colloquium 2002

FACING CRITICAL CHALLENGES in engaging youth and young adults in ministry and mission in the twenty-first century, the church is seeking ways to use the gifts of young people to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in today's world. Colloquium 2002 offers clergy, youth and young adult leaders, Christian educators, and church members the opportunity to explore this important issue in the context of worship, study, and fellowship.

"The church is faced with a tremendous challenge in communicating the gospel across gaps which represent fundamental shifts in how people view the gospel, the church, and the world," says Rodger Nishioka, associate professor of Christian education at Columbia, who will present a keynote address and workshop.

Kenda Creasy Dean and Thomas Beaudoin are also keynote speakers, and Anna Carter Florence will preach and lead worship. A bluegrass band and gospel choir, alumni/ae activities, lectures, and worship round out the three-day event.

Colloquium '02 begins Monday, April 22, with the Alumni/ae Council meeting. A gathering and picnic on the Oldenburg Quadrangle at 5:30 P.M. will

bring together all participants. Anna Carter Florence leads worship on Monday evening. Her sermon, "The Liquid Church: Before the Flood," is drawn from Genesis 6.

Tuesday morning activities include prayers led by Anna Carter Florence, and lectures by Kenda Creasy Dean and Rodger Nishioka. Also Tuesday, the alumni/ae luncheon includes the presentation of Distinguished Service Awards to two Columbia alums and recognition of this year's reunion classes: 2001, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1982, 1977, 1972, 1967, 1962, 1957, 1952 and earlier.

On Tuesday afternoon, five concurrent workshops will focus on ways to communicate the gospel in the "liquid" church. Workshops include "A Whole Lotta Worship Going On," with Brian Wren, professor of worship at Columbia; "Windows on the Sacred: Psychological and Theological Perspectives on a Child's Sense of Wonder," with Bill Harkins, assistant professor of pastoral care and theology; "Intentional Youth Ministry," with Louis Imsande, director of youth ministries at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta; "Young Adults and the Church;

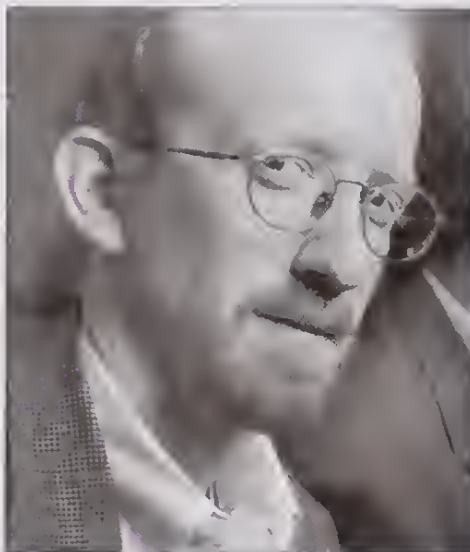
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Kenda Creasy Dean is director of the Tennet School of Christian Education and assistant professor in youth, church, and culture at Princeton Theological Seminary. An ordained elder and certified minister of youth in the United Methodist Church, she has served in campus congregational ministry and Christian education consulting. Her recent publications include *The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul-Tending for Youth Ministry and Covenant Discipleship on Campus*, which she co-authored.



Rodger Nishioka is in his second year at Columbia. Before coming to the seminary, he served as coordinator for youth and young adult ministries for the Presbyterian Church (USA). He also serves on the board of the Religious Education Association and is chair of the Pacific and Asian-American and Canadian Christian Education Board for the National Council of Churches USA. His publications include *The Roots of Who We Are, Rooted in Love, and Sowing the Seeds*.



Thomas Beaudoin is an internationally known teacher, lecturer, consultant, and author in the area of theology and culture, particularly in reference to youth and young adults. His recent publications include numerous articles, essays, and encyclopedia entries in *National Catholic Reporter*, *Books and Culture*, and *America*, and the book, *Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X*. Beaudoin is an adjunct professor in theology at Boston College.



Anna Carter Florence is assistant professor of preaching and worship at Columbia. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), she is known for her extensive work in youth ministry, theater, and congregational ministry. Florence has preached and led workshops at numerous conferences. Her sermons have been published in *Pulpit Digest*, *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, *A Chorus of Witnesses*, *Best Sermons 5*, and *Sacred Strands*.

Highlights of the schedule

Monday, April 22

- 5:30 P.M. Gathering and Picnic on Oldenburg Quadrangle
- 7:30 P.M. Worship: "The Liquid Church Before the Flood," Anna Carter Florence
- 8:30 P.M. Coffee and ice cream on Oldenburg Quadrangle

Tuesday, April 23

- 9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer, Anna Carter Florence
- 9:15 A.M. "Big Enough Questions," Kenda Creasy Dean
- 10:45 A.M. "Life in the Liquid Church — Ministry in a Consumer Culture," Rodger Nishioka
- 12:30 P.M. Alumni/ae luncheon
- 2:00 P.M. Faculty open house
- 3:00 P.M. Five workshops: "Life in the Liquid Church"
- 4:30 P.M. Alumni/ae gathering at home of Erskine '66 and Nancy Clarke
- 5:30 P.M. Dinner in Decatur, Atlanta's new restaurant enclave
- 7:30 P.M. Ebenezer Baptist Church Gospel Choir

Wednesday, April 24

- 9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer, Anna Carter Florence
- 9:15 A.M. "The Cost of Economic Discipleship Today," Thomas M. Beaudoin
- 10:45 A.M. Worship: "The Liquid Church After the Flood," Anna Carter Florence

Living into our partnerships

Laura S. Mendenhall, President

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY is about partnerships. Indeed, this seminary is about the challenges and encouragements of partnerships. It is about the mystery of God made visible in our partnerships as we work together in mutual respect and support for one another, as we recognize the uniqueness of each other, as we serve each other and receive one another's gifts, as we share sufferings and responsibilities and hope.

Our most obvious partnership, with the Presbyterian Church (USA), gives us our existence: We receive those students whom the church identifies as having gifts for leadership, prepare them for ministry, return them to the church for its service, and encourage them, our alumni and alumnae, as they minister throughout the world as servants of the church. And, because we are a key resource for the laity of the church and for the church at large, many of us regularly meet with congregations, presbyteries, synods, and General Assembly groups to nurture the partnership this seminary shares with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and other denominations of the church.

In partnerships between the Board,

faculty, staff, and students, Columbia Seminary carries out its mission day to day. Teaching and learning, evaluating and envisioning, negotiating and moving forward, this community gives thanks for the varieties of expertise and experience which enrich all the ways we nurture leadership for the church. Our partnerships on this campus teach us the value of working together as we acknowledge that being a partner is hard work!

Reaching beyond the obvious and immediate, Columbia has partnerships in many directions:

With the ten other PC(USA) theological institutions, we work together on issues of common concern, such as the shortage of pastors — for small congregations, for youth ministry, for racially and ethnically diverse congregations.

With other Atlanta seminaries, particularly Candler School of Theology and the Interdenominational Theological Center, through efforts such as the Faith and the City program, we work together to expand offerings to all our students.

With colleges and universities, centers for training in pastoral care,

various mission opportunities, and local, state, and federal government agencies, Columbia works to serve our community and enhance the experiences of our students.

With those in theological education around the world, we share opportunities, students, and faculty. Our partnerships include seminaries in Canada, Jamaica, Cuba, Scotland, England, Ireland, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, China, Taiwan, Korea, Kenya, and South Africa. A group of us recently visited with faculty and students at United Theological Seminary of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica (where 40 of our D.Min. graduates are now leaders in that country), and with the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba, where we are building a growing relationship with a seminary that not so long ago was outside our reach. Our partnerships with these two seminaries are having a remarkable effect on the Caribbean and on Latin America. Even more remarkable is the effect of our global partnerships on the breadth and depth of our understanding of Christian ministry in our own neighborhoods in this country.

Each of these partnerships, and others too numerous to mention, reflects the particular partnership that undergirds all we do — our partnership with the Trinitarian God. Baptized in the name of Father-Son-Holy Spirit, we are called to be a living expression of the One we worship, living in partnership with what God is doing now, with one another and with all creation. In these partnerships we become the image of the God who created us.

In this day, when the world is restlessly seeking God, our partnerships are an invitation into the ultimate destiny of all of God's beloved creation. Our partnerships are a demonstration of the kingdom of heaven to the world. As we live into these partnerships, it may be that those who cannot recognize God in any other way will look to us and know who God is — a community working together with gratitude to God our Father, through the grace known to us in Jesus Christ the Son, with the power of the Holy Spirit.

We give thanks for all those with whom we are privileged to be in partnership in the coming of God's reign on this earth. □

B. Franklin Skinner named new Board of Trustees chair

AT ITS OCTOBER meeting, Columbia Theological Seminary's Board of Trustees elected B. Franklin Skinner of Atlanta as chair.

He is a member and elder of Atlanta's Peachtree Presbyterian Church.

In 1992, Skinner retired as chairman and chief executive officer of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. During his years with the Bell System, he served as executive vice president for marketing and external affairs and was elected president of Southern Bell in 1982, serving as chief executive officer until the reorganization and establishment of BellSouth Telecommunications.

He has served as chairman of Central Atlanta Progress, Metropolitan Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Atlanta United Way Campaign, the United Way Board of Directors; as founding Board chair of Atlanta's Mission New Hope, a substance abuse coalition; and as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Atlanta Housing Authority.

Long associated with The Salvation Army, Skinner is a life



President Laura Mendenhall with Frank Skinner, new Board of Trustees chair

member and past chairman of its National Advisory Board and was chair of the Board of Visitors of The Salvation Army's College for Officers Training for the Southern Territory.

He is a former chair of metropolitan Atlanta United Negro College Fund Advisory Board and a former trustee of Metro Atlanta Community Foundation.

A graduate of the University of Richmond, Skinner has received honorary degrees from that institution, Jacksonville University, and the Interdenominational Theological Center. He also serves on the boards of trustees of Davidson College and Morehouse College. □

Dent Davis named director of Continuing Education

DENT C. DAVIS has been named director of continuing education and will join the faculty in mid-April. As director of continuing education, Davis will be responsible for ongoing educational programs for ministers, educators, and other congregational leaders. He will also teach courses in continuing education and Doctor of Ministry programs.

Davis leaves Sequoyah Hills church in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he has been associate pastor for six years. At Sequoyah Hills, his work focused on educational ministry, program planning and development, teaching, pastoral care, and international missions. He also serves as a consultant to churches, academic institutions, and social service agencies in the areas of problem solving, organizational planning, spiritual discernment, communication, and personal growth. Davis has served as pastor, interim pastor, and associate pastor of Presbyterian churches in Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Davis holds the B.A. from the University of Tennessee, the Master of



Dent Davis joins the faculty in mid-April.

Divinity from Vanderbilt University Divinity School, and the Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. He is a candidate for the Ed.D. degree at the University of Tennessee.

D. Cameron Murchison, dean of faculty and executive vice president, says, "Dent Davis possesses the capacities to sustain excellence previously attained in our continuing education program, to discern new opportunities for its growth, and to lead the program in new directions. Both Columbia and the church gain by this appointment." □

Cecil Moore retired December 31

HOW CAN WE describe Cecil Moore? We know him as a person, husband, father, grandfather, and Presbyterian minister. More significantly, we know him as one who served as a talented and faithful member of the Columbia Seminary staff from March 1, 1973, to December 31, 2001.

Who is Cecil Moore? Cecil Moore is a lifelong, dedicated Presbyterian who grew up on a large family farm in Marion Junction, Alabama. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University. While Cecil was a student at Auburn, John Leith '43 was pastor of the Auburn Presbyterian Church. Cecil was one of many candidates for ministry influenced by Leith and the College Fellowship at that time.

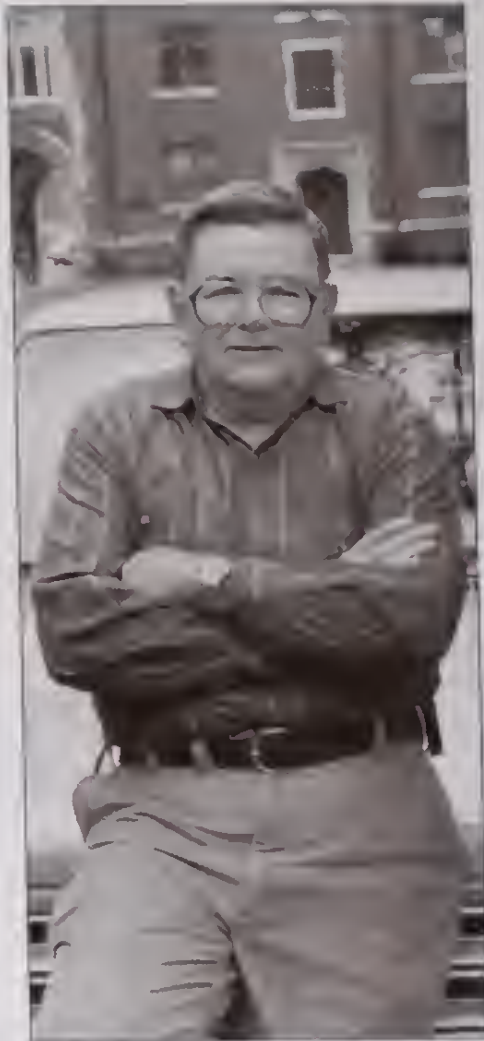
After Reserve Officer's Training at Auburn, Cecil spent two years on active duty, as an artillery officer, first at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and then in Anaheim, Germany. He returned to the family business and joined his father and brother in operating it for three years.

In response to a growing sense of call to serve as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church U.S., Cecil enrolled as a student at Columbia Seminary. He considered no other

institution, for his father, Cecil Moore, Sr., and J. McDowell Richards '29, president of Columbia from 1932 to 1971, roomed together as students at Davidson College.

Cecil and Sadara Wallace were married on September 5, 1959, and one week later they were in a garage apartment on Shadowmoor Street in Decatur, ready for Cecil to begin study for the Bachelor of Divinity degree. As a requirement of his financial aid, Cecil worked on buildings and grounds during his student days, including full-time work in the summer. When Florida Hall was completed, Cecil and Sadara were the first to live in Room 306, and that room has been named in their honor.

Two pastorates took Cecil and his family to Tallassee, Alabama, for six years and Collins, Mississippi, for five. The Collins church pressured him to withdraw with them and join the Presbyterian Church in America. This Cecil would not do. President C. Benton Kline, Jr., on the recommendation of F. Sidney Anderson '44, treasurer and business manager, appointed Cecil as supervisor of buildings and grounds at Columbia in March of 1973. Sidney Anderson knew Cecil well



Cecil Moore, superintendent of buildings and grounds

through his work as a student on campus buildings and grounds.

What has Cecil Moore done? Every building on the campus has been either redecorated, remodeled, enlarged, or built during his service to Columbia. Everything he has done was done well, every construction project has been carefully planned and supervised, and the results, both seen and unseen, are a sign of his wisdom and work. President Emeritus Kline says of Cecil Moore, "He could see things that needed doing that no one else could."

Sidney Anderson says of him, "Cecil did a superb job of protecting and improving the physical plant. He also enhanced Columbia's reputation for fiscal integrity. An electrical contractor, long alienated from the church, was so impressed with the way he was treated in projects on campus and the prompt payment of bills, that he asked Cecil Moore to lead his wife's funeral service."

Cecil's leadership, vision, and hard work have given us the Columbia Seminary campus as we know it today. The seminary family is indeed fortunate to have had Cecil Moore as an alumnus and a staff member for most of his adult life. □

J. Davison Philips '43,
president emeritus



Thomas Daniel '03 (second from left) talks with members of the praise band at North Avenue Presbyterian church.

KAIROS: A new way to reach young people

INSPIRED BY THE vision of Columbia students Thomas Daniel and Bobby Murray, Atlanta's North Avenue Presbyterian Church launched in September a new weekly worship event called Kairos (the Greek word for "the proper time") as an outreach to young people.

Daniel directs North Avenue's college ministry program, and Murray, the high school ministry. Last year, the two approached members of the

church's session and started discussion about what it would take to do outreach to youth "with absolute excellence," as Daniel puts it. "We recognized that doing it halfway was really not worth doing at all," he adds.

At first glance, Kairos seems part rock concert, part revival. The room is dark, the music is loud, and the technical support is flawless. Large screens project lyrics and key messages throughout the service.

Part of the success of Kairos in conveying that message is certainly due to the "praise band" that forms the centerpiece of the worship team. Led by Jeffrey B. Scott, a veteran of local contemporary ministries, the band carries the bulk of the service. But Daniel is careful to note that, while music is an integral part of the service, "the band is committed to the ministry aspect of this. They want to create a strong, worshipful experience, not a concert atmosphere."

According to Scott Weimer, the church's senior pastor, Kairos is off to a good start. "Thomas Daniel and Bobby Murray are superbly gifted communicators. They present their scripture-based messages with energy, humor, and multi-media support."

Week after week folks are coming — from area colleges and universities, some from high schools, and even some with no home to call their own. During the course of the evening there is cheering, applause, even some tears.

Looking ahead, Daniel says he hopes that students who come to Kairos will become involved in urban ministry, as well as in prayer teams and other forms of outreach. The Kairos worship team is building bridges with campus ministries and parachurch organizations as well. "This is a new model," Daniel admits, "and we still have a long way to go."

Kairos meets Mondays at 7 P.M. in the Broyles Center of North Avenue Presbyterian Church. For information, visit www.kairosworship.com. □

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Emerging Strategies for Outreach and Evangelism," with Rodger Nishioka; and "Soul Expressions: Spiritual Formation of Youth," with Gina Yeager, associate for youth ministry in the Congregational Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Tuesday afternoon includes an alumni/ae gathering at the home of Erskine '66 and Nancy Clarke. During the dinner break, participants will be free to dine in the restaurants on the historic Decatur Square or Oakhurst business district. The evening concludes at Decatur Presbyterian Church, with a program by the Ebenezer Baptist Church Gospel Choir.

On Wednesday, Thomas Beaudoin will present his lecture following morning prayers. Anna Carter Florence will preach at the concluding service. Her sermon will be "The Liquid Church: After the Flood," from Genesis 9.

To register or for information, contact Barbara Poe at 404-687-4566 or by email, poeb@CTSnet.edu. □

The (state of the) art of pastoral theology at Columbia

LAST NOVEMBER, THE Pastoral Counseling Association of Georgia sent a letter to the deans and presidents of local seminaries. Signed by the group's Board of Directors, it reads, "We...an ecumenically diverse group of ministers, educators, and pastoral counselors...appeal to you to enhance and strengthen pastoral care curricula.... We hear churches asking...for more pastoral counseling services...and there are simply not enough trained, licensed pastoral counselors available for employment." This letter represents the current zeitgeist in the field of pastoral theology and counseling. That it comes from an organization of pastoral counselors (many of whom now work in congregationally-based counseling centers) indicates a return to the church, the context most appropriate for its locus of operation and meaning.

Over the past 20 years, the field has come full circle in relation to the church and, perhaps, to theology. As Rod Hunter noted in a recent article in *The Christian Century*, beginning in the late 1950s and early '60s, pastoral care left the classical paradigm of pastoral care behind, giving birth to the pastoral counseling movement. A new profession appeared — professional pastoral counseling — and its psychotherapeutic modes of thought pervaded congregational life as well as seminary instruction.

In 1993 Columbia's John Patton, recently retired, used the phrase "paradigm shift" to describe a dramatic turn in the field of pastoral care. For Patton, this shift represented a move from the "clinical pastoral paradigm" to the "communal-contextual" with its focus on more social and cultural concerns. As Rod Hunter suggests, what remains to be seen is whether this shift will result in a model of pastoral care that "fosters personal commitment to

religious institutions and organizations...and shaping personal lifestyle in relation to traditions of moral and spiritual practice."

Here at Columbia Seminary we have undergone tremendous change as well. The current full-time faculty (John Patton has agreed to continue teaching part time) consists of all recent hires, with Sharon Mook and Bill Harkins in their third year. Emmanuel Lartey, who joined us this fall from Birmingham, England, is a wonderful addition to the collegium both in terms of his personal presence as well as his status as an internationally renowned scholar. He brings his expertise as one committed to and knowledgeable about the diversity of voices in the church, and how we might better hear and respond to and care for that diversity. This is reflective, then, of the seminary's commitment to broaden its scope in pastoral care, and to attend to the growing diversity in the field.

In current revisions being discussed in the Th.D. program, three foci are emerging as we seek to make this a more relevant and practical degree. First, we are looking at the issue of licensure of the graduates, and how to make this degree more marketable while maintaining and strengthening its theological integrity. Second, we are examining the relationship of the Th.D. program to the local church, with an eye toward what appears to be growing recognition of, and need for, trained pastoral counselors at the congregational level. Moreover, some traditions, such as African-American and Korean — send us students who intend to take their education in pastoral counseling back to local parish settings. Third, the increasing diversity in terms of racial, ethnic, and feminist/womanist perspectives has altered the field in remarkably rich and profound ways. In particular, these voices have called the field of pastoral care and theology to attend more carefully to its theological roots and to listen to the perspectives of, for example, liberation and narrative forms of theology and pastoral theory.

While these curricular revisions at the doctoral level do not directly affect the course offerings in the M.Div. program, they do reflect the current trends in the field. Certainly they reflect the commitment of the Columbia Seminary faculty to a diverse, multi-cultural, deeply theological perspective on teaching pastoral theology that, while appropriating the best of the resources in the behavioral and human sciences, is nonetheless rooted in our theological heritage.

J. William Harkins,
associate professor of
pastoral theology and care



Emmanuel Lartey, Bill Harkins, and Sharon Mook

Book reviews from pastoral care faculty

Bill Harkins

The Holy Longing: The Search for Christian Spirituality by Ronald Rolheiser

This perceptive and deeply enriching text brings the concept of spirituality and spiritual formation into the daily life of the church. It is a compelling read that will have one thinking about the paschal mystery and spirituality in ways that will inform one's spiritual journey and relationship to the church.

Theology and Pastoral Counseling: A New Interdisciplinary Approach by Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger

In this text on pastoral counseling viewed in light of the theology of Karl Barth, Hunsinger explores fertile new territory for both. Columbia alumni/ae will especially enjoy references to the work of Shirley Guthrie. I heartily recommend this for Jungians, Barthians, and that strange breed, those who are both!

Joy and the Objects of Psychoanalysis: Literature, Belief, and Neurosis by Volney Gay

This fascinating text utilizes literary case studies (e.g. Henry James) to examine the etiology of joy in human experience from the perspective of psychoanalysis and religion. This is the latest in a remarkable and growing oeuvre from this professor of psychiatry, religion, and anthropology at Vanderbilt University.

Sharon Mook

The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap by Stephanie Coontz

Placing the idealized "traditional" family in the context of two centuries of family life, Coontz exposes the myths and truths of the dominant, normative view of the family in this country. As family development is explored in the larger socio-economic-political context, the destructive potential of this idealized view becomes apparent, both for families that do not match the norm as well as for more traditionally structured families struggling to meet an impossible and perhaps undesirable dream.

Learning to Be White: Money, Race, and God in America by Thandeka

Going beyond the impact of racism on "persons of color," Thandeka explores the formation of "white" identity, exposing the destructive power of racism in the lives of white people. Historical, theological, and economic contexts provide the ground for the roots of racism in the Euro-American child that result in internalized shame, denial of real feelings, and loss of an integrated sense of being a whole person. As all human beings come to understand

themselves as "people of color," the healing of broken humanity takes on new possibilities.

The Anguish of Loss: Visual Expressions of Grief and Sorrow by Julie Fritsch with Sherokee Ilse

In few but profound words and moving visual images, Fritsch and Ilse give expression to the depth of grief in the face of loss too deep for words. *The Anguish of Loss* is a helpful resource for caregivers who want to understand this pain beyond their own experience, as well as for those who seek ways to express their own deep loss.

Emmanuel Lartey

Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela by Nelson Mandela

An intriguing autobiography of one of the icons of the twentieth century, much of this book was written secretly during 27 years of imprisonment on Robben Island amidst the awful horror of the apartheid years. Mandela's very human ambivalence toward public work and life shines forth, as well as the strong and generous spirit that refused to be broken under the most trying circumstances. There is something of inspiration for everyone here.

No Future without Forgiveness by Desmond Tutu

This is Tutu's personal memoir of his time as chairperson of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The book records his insistence upon the need to find another way for the healing of the soul of the nation beyond violence and revenge. Tutu's resilience, humor and Christian compassion are in much evidence. He faces the brutal realities of the apartheid era, wrestles with the apparent silence of God during those years and seeks a path that transcends the conflicts of the past and rejoices in a new humanity.

The Journey into God: Healing and Christian Faith by Kenneth Bakken

Physician and ordained Lutheran pastor, Bakken raises serious questions about the adequacy of the biomedical model on its own in responding to the realities of both physical and mental illness. He helps us realize that there are important resources for health and wholeness within Christian faith and practice. This is an important guide as we seek to navigate some of the excesses and shifting sands of the quest for healing and health in this new age.

All books are available through Columbia's bookstore: 404/687-4550 or bookstore@CTSnet.edu. □

Lay Institute calendar

February 4, 11, 18, 25 EVENING LAY SCHOOL

Classes meet Monday evenings, 7:30-9:30 P.M. Cost \$50.

1. FOUR WOMEN POETS Leader: Anna Carter Florence.
2. HOLY PEOPLE, OR HOLY PLACE? Leader: Rick Dietrich.
3. WRESTLING WITH DIFFICULT ISSUES Leaders: Laura Mendenhall, Mark Douglas, Marcia Riggs, John Knapp.

February 7, 14, 21, 28 MORNING LAY SCHOOL: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN AND THE EXODUS STORY Leader: Susan Hylen. Class meets Tuesday mornings, 10:30 A.M.-noon. Cost \$40.

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE, FINDING TIME: BALANCING YOUR LIFE USING BIBLICAL PRIORITIES Leader: TBA. Meets Wednesdays, 12:15-1:15 P.M. Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta. Cost: \$50 (includes meal).

June 24-28 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, SESSION ONE: NO LONGER STRANGERS: A STUDY OF THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS taught by the author, Kay Huggins. Meets mornings. Final registration, June 21. Cost \$45.

August 5-9 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, SESSION TWO: NO LONGER STRANGERS: A STUDY OF THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS Leader: Rebecca Parker. Meets mornings. Final registration, August 2. Cost \$45.

August 5-9 SUMMER LAY SCHOLARS: VISUAL PARABLES: TAKING FAITH TO THE MOVIES Leader: Ed McNulty. Final registration, August 1. Cost \$350 (includes room and board; \$200, tuition only).

August 9-10 Presbyterian Women's Bible Study, Weekend One: NO LONGER STRANGERS: A STUDY OF THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS Leader: Linda Morningstar. Meets Friday evening/Saturday morning. Final registration, August 7. Cost \$35.

August 23-24 Presbyterian Women's Bible Study, Weekend Two: NO LONGER STRANGERS: A STUDY OF THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS Leader: Linda Morningstar. Meets Friday evening/Saturday. Final registration, August 20. Cost \$35.

FAITH & FILM DISCUSSION GROUP Meets third Tuesdays to discuss movies from a theological perspective. Leader: Fritz Bogar. Cost: \$10 annual dues. 7:30-9:00 P.M. Harrington Center.

THEOLOGY & LITERATURE DISCUSSION GROUP Meets first Tuesdays to discuss contemporary fiction from a theological perspective. Leader: Rick Dietrich. Cost: \$10 annual dues. 7:30-9:00 P.M. Harrington Center.

Advanced Studies and New Church Development calendars

February 14-15, March 14-15, April 18-19 REBUILDING OUR HOUSE Leader: Christine Yoder, at Presbyterian College.

February 25-26, April 8-9, May 6-7 PREACHING TODAY Leader: Stephen Ramp, at Jackson, Mississippi.

March 1-2 ELEVENTH CALVIN STUDIES CONFERENCE: CALVIN AND THE INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLE. See article, page 12.

April 4-11 NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR Leader: Stan Wood.

June 17-28 Summer Session #1

1. PROJECT DESIGN WORKSHOP Leader: Stan Saunders (June 17-21).
2. GOSPEL & CULTURE INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR
Leaders: Cameron Murchison & Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi.
3. FAMILIES AND FAMILY VALUES Leader: Elizabeth Johnson.
4. MEET THE NIEBUHRS Leader: Mark Douglas.
5. THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE OF THE MISSIONARY CONGREGATION
Leader: Darrell Guder.
6. THE LANGUAGE OF WORSHIP Leader: Brian Wren.

July 5-19 (tentative dates) THE CHURCH IN THE CARIBBEAN: JAMAICA AND CUBA: D.MIN. TRAVEL SEMINAR Leader: Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi.

July 8-19 Summer Session #2

1. PROJECT DESIGN WORKSHOP Leader: David Forney. (July 8-12).
2. PREACHING THE EIGHTH CENTURY PROPHETS Leader: George Ramsey.
3. KARL BARTH'S DOCTRINE OF THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Leader: Shirley Guthrie.
4. A CHANGE OF HEART: THE EXPERIENCE OF CONVERSION
Leader: Barbara Brown Taylor.
5. FRONTIERS IN MISSION STRATEGY (NCD second required course)
Leader: Stan Wood.

Spirituality calendar

Certificate in Spiritual Formation Calendar

February 17-22 IMMERSION WEEK Introductory week for the Certificate in Spiritual Formation. Leaders: Julie Johnson & Columbia faculty. Cost: \$400.

February 24-March 1 SABBATH REST (Wait List Only) Enjoy an opportunity to explore and practice the spiritual discipline of Sabbath. See May for a second offering of this class. Leader: Barbara Brown Taylor. Cost: \$300.

April 6-12 PILGRIMAGE TO IONA, SCOTLAND. See Article, page 8.

April 14-19 BIBLICAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION. This course will attempt a look at biblical spirituality from the perspectives of personal spiritual formation and practical tools for ministry using the Old and New Testaments to deepen the spiritual life of individuals and congregations. Leader: John Kloepfer. Cost: \$300.

April 21-26 THE SPIRITUAL MOTHERS: THE LEGACY OF WOMEN CHRISTIAN MYSTICS Come learn about women who went to the edge to find the center. Leader: Ellen McCormack. Skyline Camp and Conference Center, Almont, Michigan. Cost: \$300.

April 28-May 3 GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION Learn the art of listening for God in a group setting. Leader: Rose Mary Dougherty. Villa International, Atlanta. Cost: \$300.

May 2-5 RETREAT LEADERSHIP Explore and practice skills for leading spiritual retreats. Leader: Julie Johnson. Calvin Camp and Conference Center. Cost: \$225.

May 12-17 SABBATH REST Enjoy an opportunity to explore and practice the spiritual discipline of Sabbath. Leader: Barbara Brown Taylor. Cost: \$300.

June 9-14 THE BODY OF CHRIST: ESCHATOLOGY, MISSION AND COMMUNITY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT How did the early Christians' conviction that they were living in the end times shape their sense of mission and community? Come and find out. Leader: Stan Saunders. Villa International Atlanta. Cost: \$300.

July 14-19 ARTS & SPIRITUALITY A hands-on class for beginners in which participants will engage in making visible the invisible. Leaders: Martha Jane Petersen & Lynne Farrow. Calvin Camp & Conference Center. Cost: \$300.

Continuing Education calendar

February 7 GRIEF THROUGH THE LIFE CYCLE Second in the series on understanding grief and the grieving process. Leader: Ken J. Doka. Cost: \$65.

February 11 CERTIFICATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL: POLITY-CHURCH GOVERNMENT (LEVEL I) AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (LEVEL II)
Leaders: Cam Murchison and David Forney. Cost: \$30 (Level I), \$40 (Level II).

February 25-27 SABBATH REST Three-day seminar for Continuing Education participants within a five-day course co-sponsored with the Spirituality Program. Leader: Barbara Brown Taylor. Cost: \$180.

March 5 MOZART AS LITURGY FOR THE CHURCH Worship and learn through music. Four-hour evening program. Leader: Sue Mitchell Wallace. Cost: \$35.

April 14-18 CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT FOR WOMEN Annual retreat at the Benedictine Spirituality and Conference Center at Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama. Leader: Roberta Martin. Cost: \$225 (retreat, room, and board).

May 5-10 CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT FOR MEN Annual retreat at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit near Conyers, Georgia. Leader: David Guthrie. Cost: \$240 (retreat, room, and board).

May 6-10 GUTHRIE SCHOLARS Columbia Class of 1982.

*For more information on these and additional events,
call 404-378-8821 or visit www.CTSnet.edu.*



Artists from Atlanta, Minneapolis, and Covington and Baton Rouge, Louisiana make up "The Multi-Racial Bible Project," an exhibition scheduled for February 1 – March 15 in the Harrington Center. Those exhibiting are Charles Barbier, Anne Brink, Malaika Favorite and Luz Maria Lyles.

The project displays original artwork depicting Jesus, the disciples, and other biblical characters as people of African or other non-European descent.

For more information, call the Lay Institute of Faith and Life, 404-687-4577, or e-mail LayInstitute@CTSnet.edu.

Lay Institute offers four stimulating winter courses

STUDENTS HAVE THEIR choice of four intriguing topics on the Columbia Seminary campus during Winter Lay School in February. In an evening course, they can learn how to wrestle with the difficult issues of euthanasia, abortion, money, and power, explore the theological roots of four women poets, or look at the significance of "place" in the life of faith. In a morning course, they can see how the writer of the Gospel of John draws on the Exodus story to help us understand the significance of the life and death of Jesus.

In the course *Four Women Poets*, Anna Carter Florence, assistant professor of preaching and worship, presents the poetry of Lucille Clifton, Mary Oliver, Anna Akhmatova, and Audre Lord.

In *Holy People, or Holy Place?* Rick Dietrich, director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life, and participants are looking at the function of "place" in the life of faith.

In the course *Wrestling with Difficult Issues*, four seasoned thinkers from Columbia Seminary explore ways we can draw on biblical, ethical, and theological understandings when we're wrestling with difficult ques-

tions. Laura Mendenhall, president of Columbia Theological Seminary, addresses theological issues of power; Mark Douglas, assistant professor of Christian ethics, focuses on euthanasia; Marcia Riggs, associate professor of Christian ethics, addresses issues of abortion, and John Knapp, president of the Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics, looks at theological issues around money.

The morning course is *The Gospel of John and the Exodus Story*. Course leader Susan Hylen, a Ph.D. student in New Testament at Emory University, is focusing on how the writer draws on the Exodus story to give understanding to the significance of the life and death of Jesus, and the metaphor of Jesus as Passover lamb.

Evening classes meet Mondays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. The registration fee for each course is \$50.

The morning class meets Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10:30 A.M. to noon. The registration fee is \$40.

For more information, call the Lay Institute of Faith and Life 404-687-4577, fax 404-687-4591, e-mail LayInstitute@CTSnet.edu. □

Hear 701 on the World Wide Web

THE LAY INSTITUTE's audio magazine, 701, is now on the World Wide Web at www.701audio.com. The fall issue (701.7) features interviews with Columbia Seminary president Laura Mendenhall, missiologist Darrell Guder, now of Princeton Seminary, and congregational studies expert Tom Frank of Emory University's Candler School of Theology. The winter issue contains interviews with Barbara Brown Taylor, one of America's great preachers, and with Barbara Lundblad of Union Theological Seminary in New York City; also further conversations with Barbara Lundblad and Tom Frank on the aftermath of September 11.

Visitors to the site can also listen to back issues, learn more about the audio magazine — even subscribe!

Another feature of the site is its ongoing discussion group, centered on topics dealt with in various issues of 701. In early 2002, join Lay Institute director Rick Dietrich and various seminary faculty in discussions of missions, the Holy Spirit, and dreams, visions, and the end of the world. □

D. Min. degree has new faculty, new approaches in program

COLUMBIA'S DOCTOR OF Ministry program offers busy pastors and other church leaders wonderful opportunities for deepening insight and broadening competence in skill for church ministry. New faculty members and revised approaches make our proven courses up to date and challenging for today's church.

Barbara Brown Taylor, noted preacher and author, has become Distinguished Professor of Christian Spirituality and will teach in the Introductory Seminar and elective courses of the D. Min. program. Emmanuel Lartey, professor of pastoral counseling, brings international stature and cross-cultural opportunities to D. Min. students in practical theology courses.

Advanced degree students, active in service to the church, bring with them hands-on experience in the challenges of effective ministry today. Charles Raynal, director of advanced studies, says, "Our faculty members love to teach in this program. By engaging ministers who come here, they keep learning directly from practicing ministers what life is like in ministry to a congregation and in other settings. Columbia's Doctor of Ministry degree is shared learning at its best. Add to these features the opportunity to join with colleagues

in the pursuit of excellence in ministerial leadership and you have an outstanding program that draws students from all parts of the U. S. and around the world."

Doctor of Ministry in Christian Spirituality

Barbara Brown Taylor will teach her first course, "A Change of Heart: The Experience of Conversion" July 8-19, 2002, on the Columbia campus and October 21-November 2002, on the campus of Piedmont College, Demorest, GA.

Catherine González is the lead teacher for the Doctor of Ministry in Christian Spirituality which begins November 11-22, 2002, on the Columbia Theological Seminary campus.

Doctor of Ministry in Gospel and Culture

The Introductory Seminar to the Doctor of Ministry in Gospel and Culture meets on the Columbia campus June 17-28, 2002. Cam Murchison, our new dean of faculty, who continues as professor of ministry, and Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, associate professor of world Christianity, are designing a deep examination of how the people of God may embody faithfully the gospel in a North American culture today.



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Church and Ministry

For pastors who are able to commute to Atlanta, Columbia joins with the Interdenominational Theological Center to offer an introduction to D. Min. students on our two campuses. In the fall of 2002, the focus of the Church and Ministry seminar will be on collegial learning, which explores ministry in the local congregation. Encountering the theology of mission in dialogue with pastoral issues of poverty, race, and family life, participants look at basic pastoral skills in preaching, education, leadership and public ministry. Those interested in pastoral counseling may focus their work in this area in a specialized approach with faculty from Columbia, ITC, and Emory. The dates for the Decatur-Atlanta seminar, which

requires four meetings, are September 9-11, October 7-9, November 4-6, and December 2-4, 2002. We are making plans for satellite Church and Ministry programs in Brandon, Florida; Bristol, Tennessee; and Brownsville, Tennessee (Memphis area).

New Church Development

Columbia Seminary has deep commitment to offering a substantial resource to the larger church in establishing new congregations. Stan Wood leads our work in equipping pastors and governing body executives with the practical know-how to establish new congregations and redevelop existing congregations for ministry and mission. The next Introductory Seminar in New Church Development is April 4-11, 2002.

Cuba and Jamaica: Caribbean Context for Doctor of Ministry Studies

A Doctor of Ministry immersion and study trip is planned for two weeks in July. The purpose of this opportunity to study and travel is to deepen our knowledge of Christians in our neighboring islands and to see the challenges they face in providing ministry in difficult contexts. Dr. Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi will lead this alternative context trip, July 5-19, 2002.

For information about the D. Min. program call 404-687-4534, e-mail: advancedstudies@CTSnet.edu, or visit our web site at www.CTSnet.edu. □



Thirty-four pastors attended the conference.

Sixth annual Potential Pastors Conference held in October

THE SIXTH ANNUAL New Church Development (NCD) Potential Pastors Conference, which provides continuing education for pastors exploring home mission through NCD, was held at Columbia in October 2001. As in previous years, the event was co-sponsored by Columbia's Center for New Church Development and the Office of New Church Development, Evangelism and Church Development Program Area, National Ministries Division of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The conference explored the stages of NCD and the essential characteristics of an organizing pastor, and examined seven case studies of effective, growing, new churches. Jamie Gabler, associate pastor, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta spoke on "Understanding Your Personality Type: Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator." The weeklong event included daily worship, small group discussions, time for personal prayer and reflection, and visits to nearby NCDs.

"Pastors of missional NCDs which are involved in dynamic evangelistic ministries were invited to present case studies," said Stan Wood, director of the Center for New Church Development at Columbia and conference organizer. "In this way, those who are seeking to discern God's call in their ministries have the opportunity to engage in dialogue with those already in the field."

Presenters included the following: Dewey Johnson, Sandia Presbyterian NCD, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, Crossroads Presbyterian NCD, Limerick, Pennsylvania; Andrew Sparks and Jonathan Kaplan '02, Messiah Now NCD, Philadelphia Presbytery; Doug Cushing, Tyger River NCD, Greenville, South Carolina; and David Omerod, the organizing and first pastor of Marion Oaks and

Kirkwood NCDs in Florida and Meadowlakes Presbyterian NCD in North Carolina.

Local presenters were Martin Lifer, Parkway Presbyterian NCD, Cumming, Georgia, and Jose Pezini (D.Min.), founding/first pastor of the Brazilian Christian Church NCD in Marietta, which in turn has parented four Brazilian Presbyterian NCDs. Reflecting on Pezini's presentation, one pastor commented, "It is humbling to hear from those who have no money and begin only with God's vision."

The theme for worship was "One in the Spirit: The Community-Building Power of Congregational Song," led by Brian Wren, Conant Professor of Worship, and Susan Heafield, a United Methodist minister. Dr. Darrell Guder, Peachtree Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth, spoke on "Forming the Missional Church in the North American Mission Field." Other Columbia faculty and staff involved in conference leadership included Walter Brueggemann, professor of Old Testament, who explored "Truth Telling and Hope Telling: Book of Jeremiah," Stan Wood, who spoke on "Faith Sharing with the Unchurched," and Cam Murchison, dean of faculty, executive vice president, and professor of ministry, who led morning prayers.

Reflecting the variety in the Body of Christ, the conference brought together 34 pastors from six different racial-ethnic groups, four denominations, and many countries of origin including Sudan, Ghana, Scotland and Kenya. The largest single group was Portuguese-speaking Brazilian-Americans; other participants included Korean, Hispanic and African-American pastors. One person summed up the experience as follows: "This is simply the best, most affirming, wonderfully structured and carried out conference I have ever attended." □

Doctor of Ministry specialization in NCD continues to equip pastors

"THE ETHNIC DIVERSITY of this year's entering class is amazing and wonderful," says Stan Wood, Director of the Center for New Church Development (NCD). "Students in this class come with the highest recommendations from the national directors for NCD of their denominations; many are considered to be among the leading racial-ethnic NCD pastors in the United States."

The class of 11 students, which attended the introductory seminar in April 2001, includes Latino, Korean, Brazilian, African-American, and "Anglo" pastors. Denominations represented include the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, the Christian Reformed Church, and the Presbyterian Church (USA), as well as a non-denominational student.

The focus of the NCD specialization is on leadership development of experienced NCD pastors (i.e., with at least five years in NCD ministry) and middle governing body executives whose ministry portfolio includes NCD ministry. One of the aims is "to equip present and future ethnically and linguistically diverse NCD lead-

ers," so the broad range of racial ethnic groups, languages, and cultures represented by students in this program is especially exciting.

After attending the introductory seminar April 4-11, 2002, students may take non-required courses in the summer. The first required NCD course, "Bridging the Gospel and Culture," is held in January 2003; the second required course, "Frontiers in Mission Strategy," in summer of 2003. Four elective graduate courses, a supervised ministry which engages the student in NCD strategy and related issues, and a doctoral project focusing on aspects of NCD ministry complete the program.

Twenty-two students are actively pursuing this specialization; the first introductory seminar was held in spring of 1999.

To learn more about this program, visit the web site at www.CTSnet.edu (Outreach Program/New Church Development,) or contact Mike Medford in the Office of Advanced Studies at 404-687-4534, or email advancedstudies@CTSnet.edu. □



"Called to Care: Older Adults, Their Families, and the Church," a workshop for care providers, was led by Elizabeth Fairleigh '74, co-owner of Personal Care, Decatur. As part of this continuing education class, each student was assigned a particular disability, in order to experience some of the barriers and frustrations which confront aging adults and others. Negotiating steep ramps and narrow doorways and being limited in vision, hearing, or use of one side of the body provided challenges and understanding.



On campus for D.Min. course

Come See Columbia Day Thursday, April 18, 2002

Come and bring a group from your church!

Worship led by Dr. Kathleen O'Connor.
Scholarship recipients will speak.

Luncheon will be served.

Classes and campus tours in the afternoon.

Registration begins at 9:00 A.M.

For more information, and reservations, call 404-687-4566.



In Scotland, NCD students explored the church-in-mission.

NCD offers course in Scotland

"TRANSFORMING MISSION: DEVELOPING a Practical Theology of Mission for a Post-Modern Age," an elective in the D.Min. NCD specialization, was inaugurated June 30-July 10, 2001. Led by Professor John Swinton, Aberdeen University, Kings College, Scotland, students explored what it means to be the church-in-mission in a rapidly changing social, moral, and spiritual context. The course included fieldwork case studies of NCDs as well as traditional classroom-based academic work.

The class also traveled to Gartmore House in Stirling, a manor house constructed in 1793. Now operated as a conference and retreat center, Gartmore House provided a home base for the class as they traveled to inner-city churches in Glasgow, as well as a place to reconvene for classroom work.

American Presbyterians might not think of Scotland as part of the mission field, but as with the rest of the European Union, Scotland has become a highly secularized society, says Fred Drummond, a Scottish pas-

tor who makes regular cross-Atlantic trips to pursue his D.Min. degree in NCD at Columbia. "I frequently visit homes where there are three generations unchurched, unfamiliar with the Bible or the great stories of our Christian traditions. The great task of the church, for us, is to make these stories understandable to those who have no Christian background."

Craig Williams, pastor of Trabuco Presbyterian Church, Trabuco Canyon, California, found it ironic that "the birthplace of Presbyterianism is facing the kind of secular society that many believe is only 10 to 15 years away for the United States." Reflecting on his experience in Scotland, Williams said "As an American pastor, I was encouraged by the creative ways pastors present the gospel in a culture that is increasingly indifferent to the church. The Church of Scotland is confronting issues that the Presbyterian Church (USA) will face as American culture grows further from Christendom." □

Laura Bordeaux

Women's retreat is April 14-18

CLERGY AND LAYWOMEN are invited to participate in a multi-day event, Contemplative Retreat for Women, April 14-18, 2002, at the Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama. The retreat will provide an opportunity for participants to rest, renew, and

engage in quiet reflection — as well as offer a glimpse into the world of Benedictine monastic life.

Roberta Martin will lead the retreat. She is an ordained Presbyterian minister and the spiritual director and founder of Wellspring, a ministry that specializes in people who desire to grow in relationship to God and to take a deepened relationship into the Church and into the world.

In addition to community oppor-

Spirituality Program will travel to Iona, Scotland, in April

THE SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM offers a pilgrimage to a holy place each year as the culmination of several years of study, reflection, and growth which lead to a Certificate in Spiritual Formation. This spring on April 6-12, participants will be offered the chance to travel to the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland.

One of the great figures of the early history of Christianity in Britain and Ireland, Columba established a monastery on Iona about A.D. 563 to bring the light of Christ to the Western Isles. From this tiny, rocky stronghold, that light would spread throughout modern Scotland and down into much of north and central England — before, it is interesting to note, Pope Gregory sent Augustine to Rome to convert the Angles in 596.

In the Middle Ages, Iona was the site of a Benedictine monastery abbey, and over the centuries it has attracted many thousands of people on their own pilgrim journeys. It is important to note that the ancient notion of pilgrimage was not one of flight to the edge, but return to the center, a seeking and a journeying into the heart of God. Many who have been to Iona

say that the heart of God can be heard in the stillness of that holy place.

The Iona community, a Christian ecumenical community, is committed to seeking new ways of living the gospel in today's world. In fact, the theme of the CTS Spirituality Program pilgrimage is the "Vocation and Mission of Christian Community." The Iona community is active and passionate about church renewal and works for justice and peace in all areas of the world. Pilgrims in Columbia's Certificate in Spiritual Formation Program will enjoy the opportunity to study scripture, pray, journal, and participate in the communal life of the abbey.

If such a journey sounds appealing to you, why not consider beginning the Certificate for Spiritual Formation? Upcoming classes include "Biblical Spiritual Formation" with John Kloepfer, "Group Spiritual Direction" with Rose Mary Dougherty, "Retreat Leadership" with Julie Johnson, and "Sabbath Rest" with Barbara Brown Taylor. Check the events calendar in this issue of *Vantage* for full details or contact the Spirituality Program office at 404-687-4587. □



Pilgrims to Iona will experience communal life in the abbey.

tunities for worship and prayer, generous amounts of unstructured time each day will allow for relaxing, reading, journaling, and enjoying the beautiful grounds of the monastery. Each day offers a good mix of activities that includes Eucharist and Vespers with the sisters, shared meals, and one-on-one discussions.

"The sisters are a joy to be with," says Martin, "and the grounds of the monastery are beautiful and inviting.

I encourage women to bring their walking shoes, and to come ready to experience the peace and serenity of this place."

The cost of the program is \$225, which includes room and board for the week. For more information or to register, contact the Continuing Education Office at 404-687-4562, or email ConEd@CTSnet.edu. □

David Dault (MATS '02)

Hijacking the Fall Program at Broadway church, Manhattan

THE LAST THING I remember before my wife called a little after 9:00 on the morning of September 11 was feeling stressed out about the "Fall Program" at the church. Thursday was to be our first Session meeting of the program year, Sunday the first day of Church School. Of course, the purpose of her call — to tell me that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center about 150 blocks (take a right out the front door) from the church — changed the "Fall Program" and the priority of my concerns, dramatically. A climb up the bell tower confirmed the surreal news. To the south down Broadway, under which the 1/9 subway snakes toward the World Trade Center towers, two plumes of dark smoke pumped fear and death into the atmosphere.

By 9:30, anxious parents were calling to find out if our Nursery School (where my four-year-old daughter attends) would allow kids to go outside to the park that day (we did). Parishioners called to ask the fate of members who worked in the Trade Center buildings. Reporters called wanting instant theological analysis. Would-be volunteers wondered how the church would respond. We promised to shelter anyone trapped in the city (at that time the bridges and tunnels were sealed) and offer the Red Cross the use of our facility (they chose a hospital two blocks away).

By 11:00 A.M., people were lined up outside the doors of the church checking the doors of the sanctuary and looking at our signboards for information. I had the sextons bring those signboards, fresh with exciting information about the week's services and activities, inside. Our "Fall Program" became the words of Lamentations:

"Panic and pitfall have come upon us, devastation and destruction. My eyes flow with rivers of tears because of the destruction of my people" (Lam. 3: 47-48).

By 1:30 that afternoon, with our Clerk of Session playing piano, we opened the doors for a hastily arranged "Service of Grief and Lamentation." When the service ended about an hour and a half later, everyone sat, stunned, not knowing where to go or what to do.

"Words of Assurance"

The Chaplain's Office at Columbia University invited me to represent our church in a service for the campus and neighborhood that afternoon at St. Paul's Chapel. I was told to arrive at 4:30 and that a part would be assigned, such as a reading or prayer. Soon after I arrived, it was discovered that no one had a copy of "Amazing Grace" despite its appearance in the program! Since my church was closest to the campus, I rushed back to get the

trusty Presbyterian Hymnal. Upon my return, I asked about my part in the service, which included Muslim, Jewish, and Christian students and clergy, and was attended by some 500-600 students and faculty. "You're giving the 'Words of Assurance,'" I was told. "What are the 'Words of Assurance'?" I asked, thinking the organizers had chosen a reading of some sort. "It's your choice," said the chaplain.

"Sighs too deep for words"

While sharing a laugh with the rabbi from the Hillel Society, who had received her assignment of offering "Remembrances" only a half-hour earlier, I realized that no one, from the airplane pilots to the families of the victims to the FBI to the President to the mayor to the fire department or the hospitals — NONE of us had been prepared for what happened that day.

I began with words in the bulletin from my earlier service folded providentially in my pocket: "Although God causes grief, he will have compassion, for God does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone." As I looked out into the crowd, my instincts told me that one thing we needed to do was — breathe. Hundreds of people packed the chapel and dozens more listened on speakers outside but it seemed as if life had come to a standstill. For a moment I noticed them, and allowed them to notice me. And then, as best I can describe it, I sighed. I made a breathy kind of "whew" sound, and true to instinct, most of the



Walter Tennyson, Broadway church

the first plane hitting. I told these stories as a hopeful check against the initial reports that tens of thousands may have died. Had I been given hours of preparation, "words of assurance" would have still been hard to find.

Patriotic fervor and war fever caught on quickly. *The New York Post*, our populist "tabloid" local paper, ran an editorial criticizing, of all things, our church's signboard quote of the passage from Lamentations! The editor wrote that our city and nation "are neither devastated or destroyed."

Worship since September 11 has acquired a focus and intensity as never before. Though the surges in attendance in the weeks following the attacks have receded to normalcy, those who are here seem more alert and engaged. When Advent reminded us of the "thief that comes in the night" I suspect the words had more resonance than in previous years.

"The other shoe drops"

Though our congregation lost only one person, an executive with Cantor-Fitzgerald who left a wife and three small children, others are scarred by

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congregation breathed with me.

Not knowing what to say by way of "assurance," I described the process of checking in on parishioners who worked in the area. I told some survival stories. A trustee of our church who worked on the 16th floor on Tower II but stayed home from work due to pneumonia that day. A member who fielded a last-minute phone call from co-workers trapped on the 93rd floor of the tower that collapsed a few minutes later. A music teacher in her apartment on Rector Street one block away from Tower I who was showered by glass due to the explosion of

their proximity to the destruction or by the deaths of co-workers, colleagues and friends. The blow to the theatre industry has affected a number of our congregants, while the ripple effects of the business downturn have hurt others. Our church ended 2001 nearly \$10,000 behind on pledge fulfillment. Though we projected a balanced budget in 2002, we now begin "in the hole" and have yet to receive nearly \$30,000 in pledges continued from the previous year.

Many churches, individuals and groups gave spontaneously to our Presbytery's relief efforts and to our

own congregation's urban ministry program, known as Broadway Community Incorporated. BCI is a comprehensive program for homeless people which has, along with other shelters and meal programs in this city, experienced a dramatic upturn in requests for help since September 11. Few programs, including ours, can offer the level of rental assistance and income stabilization that enable people to live for a few lean months in such an expensive city.

Americans have been quick to respond with donations of water, blood, clothing, food and blankets — so much so that many of these items ended up being thrown away due to the nature of this disaster. Though a few welders and ironworkers were used in the early days, volunteer labor at "Ground Zero" turned into a celebrity spectacle. September 11 was not a hurricane that hit a developing nation or a tornado that destroyed a rural town, though much of the "disaster relief" offered initially better matched those kinds of disasters.

Theologians are critical of the "trickle down" theory of economics, but when the trickle slows to a few drops, we realize just how vulnerable we all are to the wealth of a few. The aggregate incomes and capital gains taxes which accompany Wall Street and much of the enterprise of the World Trade Center complex floated an economic boat that allowed Mayor Giuliani to cut taxes and actually expand some public services (such as salary increases for police and teachers) during his reign of fiscal austerity. New York City now faces a deficit for the coming year of \$3-4 billion (yes, billion). While the annual budget of this city amounts to nearly \$40 billion (New York City employs more people than the population of Louisville, Kentucky), previous cuts to schools, sanitation, and public works — not to mention social welfare, will cause many people to feel the pinch.

Touring P.S. 166, where my daughter may attend school next year, I learned that the teaching assistants previously funded for kindergarten classrooms with 25 or more students will be cut to meet the mayor's demand for reductions.

Perhaps the hijacking of the "Fall Program" at our church has re-oriented us all to the worldliness of our God and to the interconnections between nations, economies, and faiths that are so much more sharply focused now than before. Whereas the "New World Order" of just a few years ago seemed to turn the church inward and narrow our concerns, the yet-to-be world taking shape all around us may help us see the interdependence of our faith and the world "God so loved." □

Walter B. Tennyson '93,
Pastor, Broadway church, Manhattan

For the Record

If you have recent news to contribute to this section, please mail it to the editor, or you may email it to harperj@CTSnet.edu.

Kathleen O'Connor, professor of Old Testament, presented the Harrel S. Beck Lectures in Boston and other Massachusetts locations. She participated in a panel on literary criticism at the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature's (AAR/SBL) annual meeting in Denver.**Bill Owens '92** is coordinator of curriculum development for the PC(USA).**Lou Ann Sellers '94** was married recently. She is a part-time minister in the German Protestant church in Duisburg, Germany.**Christine Roy Yoder**, assistant professor of Old Testament, taught and preached at University church, Baton Rouge. She attended a conference of the Association of Theological Schools in Pittsburgh and was keynote speaker at the fall retreat for Covenant church, Atlanta. She has an article published in *Journal for Preachers* and gave a paper at the AAR/SBL meeting in Denver.**Don Brown '01** is pursuing graduate studies at Georgia State University.**Mark Douglas**, assistant professor of Christian ethics, taught a class on war and peace in Christian thought at Rock Spring church, Atlanta. He attended the AAR/SBL's meeting in Denver and presented a paper on "Agape as Gift" at the Society of Christian Ethics Conference in Vancouver. He led a session retreat for Covenant church, Athens, GA.**Ernestine Cole**, associate dean of students, represented the Presbyterian Health Network at the annual convention of the American Public Health Association in Atlanta and preached at the Korean Central church. She attended meetings of the Presbyterian Health Network Team and the Advocacy Committee on Women's Concerns of the General Assembly's Council in Louisville.**Walter Dinkins '88** is pastor of Westminster church, Wilmington, NC. His young-adult beach ministry has been the focus of several articles in Presbyterian publications.

Larry Easterling (ThD '93) is co-author of *Spiritual Family Trees*. He is vice president of mission and spiritual care at Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn, IL.**Rodger Nishioka**, associate professor of Christian education, was preacher and keynote speaker for the fall gathering of the Oahu United Churches of Christ in Honolulu; the Western North Carolina presbytery meeting in Lake Junaluska, NC; and the Eastern Virginia presbytery meeting in Virginia Beach. He also delivered lectures and preached at First churches in Milledgeville, GA, and Hickory, NC, and preached for the sesquicentennial celebration of Covenant church, Sherman, TX.

....**Laura Dorsey '88** is founder of Gardens for Peace, an international network of gardens designed to give people a place to reflect. Many people have used these gardens since September 11. Columbia is the site of one such garden.**Tyler Downing '83** is associate pastor of First church, Lynchburg, VA.**Jefferson Coker '64** is interim of Westminster church, Nacogdoches, TX.**Thomas Pickering** (DMin '91) is interim of Second church, Chattanooga, TN.**Stan Wood**, director of the Center for New Church Development (NCD), preached at the Anchor church building dedication in Philadelphia. He conducted the Lilly grant focus group meetings in Las Vegas and the NCD consultation in Western Colorado Presbytery. He led the Tri-Presbytery NCD commission retreat and moderated the Lilly grant steering committee meeting in Honolulu, presented an NCD internship proposal at the Presbyterian Theological Field Education Supervisors meeting in San Francisco, and taught a course on NCD at the Lay Leader Training program for Hispanic Evangelism in Glendale, CA.**Mark Adams '98** and **Miriam Maldonado Escobar** were married Oct. 13. Mark has been appointed to a second term as a PC(USA) missionary with the U.S.-Mexico border ministry.

Anna Carter Florence, assistant professor of preaching and worship, preached for **Anne Apple's '01** ordina-

tion at Government Street church, Mobile; and at **Kate '01** and **Andrew '01 Foster Connors's** installations at Idlewild church, Memphis. She attended the AAR/SBL's meeting in Denver.**Jim Reinarz '97** is pastor of First church, Grand Prairie, TX.**Sharon Mook**, assistant professor of pastoral theology and care, taught Sunday school and led worship at the North Decatur church. She attended a conference in Minneapolis at the Center for Cross-Cultural Health and presented an adult forum series at the Pleasant Hill church, Duluth.**Beth Yarborough '99** is pastor of the Jonesborough, TN, church.**Ron Cram**, associate professor of Christian education, was keynote speaker for the Council of Synagogues and Churches in Stamford, CT, with "Bullying as Spiritual Crisis" as his topic, and participated in *SpiriTalk* with "Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Relational Violence." He was a leader of the annual general meeting of the Religious Education Association in Minneapolis, taught an adult class, "Islam," at Holy Spirit Catholic church, was a planning team member for the "Consultation on the Spirituality of Children" in Chicago, and taught the church school teachers at Trinity church, Atlanta, GA.

....**Christy Gurley '01** is director of children's ministries at St. Luke's church, Dunwoody, GA.**Beth Johnson**, professor of New Testament, has an essay, "Apocalyptic Family Values," published in the Jan. 02 *Interpretation*. She participated in **Emily Heath's '01** ordination and led the congregational retreat for North Decatur church.

John Knapp (MATS '94), president of the Southern Institute for Business and Ethics, served as a panelist at the annual convention of the National Communication Association. He spoke on business ethics at the Rock Spring church, Atlanta, and Oak Grove United Methodist church, Atlanta, and spoke at the Bartow County Rotary Club, Cartersville, GA.**Kyle Segars '99** and **Shelaine Bird '03** were married on Dec. 15 at Central church in Atlanta.**Bill Carr '74** has been promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is also parish associate and pastoral counselor for the Shallowford church, Atlanta. He and **Jan McLelland** were married Oct. 13 at First church, Mooresville, NC.

....**J. Will Ormond '43**, professor emeritus, is featured in *Lenbrook Ripples*. The article focuses on his books, *Good News Among the Rubble* and *Preaching Eyes for Listening Ears*.**Mike O'Neil '93** is pastor of First church, Cameron, TX.**Marcia Riggs**, associate professor of Christian ethics, delivered the keynote address for the Association of Theological Schools conference on Racial/Ethnic Faculty in Predominantly White Schools. She presented the lecture for Women's Week at Candler School of Theology and was guest lecturer in a womanist/feminist theology course at Emory. She presented a paper at a World Council of

Churches/Conference of Asia consultation on "Dealing with Diverse Identities in Asia" in Chiangmai, Thailand.**Bill Nisbet '76** is an Army Reserves chaplain and a lieutenant colonel. He has been mobilized to Ft. McPherson, GA.**Laura Mendenhall**, president, preached at the meeting of the General Assembly Council and the Committee on General Assembly in Louisville, KY, preached and taught at continuing education events at Columbia, and preached and spoke at the Brown Lectures, First church, Dallas. She led worship for the presidents at the Association of Theological Schools in New Orleans, and met with the General Assembly task force on Christian educators at Columbia and with presidents of other PC(USA) seminaries at the Committee on Theological Education (COTE) meetings in Atlanta and Nags Head, NC. She preached at St. Augustine presbytery, Greater Atlanta presbytery cross-cultural Christmas concert, at Eastminster church, Columbia, SC, and at Harbor View and Dorchester churches, Charleston, SC. She participated in the installation of **Carolyn Hayward '98** at St. James church, Charleston-Atlantic presbytery. She spoke at First church, Durham, NC, and spoke to the Presbyterian Women (PW) of Grace presbytery, to the New Covenant presbytery leadership, at the Presbyterian Endowment Education Resource Network meeting in Chicago, at a Greater Atlanta presbytery educators' meeting, for the Program for Women in Theology and Ministry at Candler School of Theology, and for Kaleidoscope 2002, Mississippi presbytery. She was part of a Columbia delegation visiting United Theological College of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, and Matanzas Seminary, Matanzas, Cuba, partner schools with Columbia.

Janice Clark '99 is associate pastor of First church, Lake City, FL.

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BIRTHS

To **Mary Katherine '97** and **Billy Robinson '97**, a daughter, **Mary Scott**, Oct. 1, 2001.
To **Will '02** and **Andrea Campbell**, a son, **Blake William**, Nov. 2, 2001.
To **Rob '00** and **Jenny Alexander**, twin daughters, **Madalyn Grace**, and **Anne Meredith**, Nov. 18, 2001.
To **Susan '01** and **Ross Verbrugge**, a daughter, **Kinsey Webb**, Nov. 18, 2001.
To **Jeff** and **Mimi Kackley '03**, a daughter, **Virginia Stewart**, Nov. 19, 2001.
To **Walter '93** and **Jody Tennyson**, a son, **Harris William**, Dec. 1, 2001.

DEATHS

Helen Fisher '73, Sept. 29, 2001.
Robert Barron '55, Oct. 23, 2001.
Anne Stevens '93, Nov. 27, 2001.
Albert H. Freundt Jr. '56, Nov. 5, 2001.
Charles Gahagan '57, Dec. 2, 2001.
Glen W. Nagel '63, Dec. 20, 2001.
Betty Cason, former treasurer at Columbia and a member of the Business Office staff for 30 years, Dec. 13, 2001.
Leroy Obert '45, Jan. 19, 2002.

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....**Walter Brueggemann**, professor of Old Testament, led the Clergy Conference for Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. He published *Spirituality of the Psalms* and *Testimony to Otherwise*. He has written articles for *The Other Side*, *Church and Society*, *The Blackwell Companion to the Hebrew Bible*, and *Taking Responsibility: Comparative Perspectives*.....**Bob Montgomery '53** is author of *The Lopsided Spread of Christianity*. He has recently established a website, www.sompsite.com, to advance knowledge in the sociology of missions.....**C. Benton Kline**, president emeritus, led a session in officer training and taught a ten-week Bible study on Matthew at the North Decatur church. He moderated three discussion forums on Amendment 01-A for Greater Atlanta presbytery.....**Sally Lorey '92** is interim pastor of the Jekyll Island, GA, church.**Bill Harkins**, assistant professor of pastoral theology and care, moderated the state pastoral counselors association meeting. He attended the American Association of Pastoral Counselors Southeast Regional Conference at Kanuga, N.C., and the Creating Ph.D. Scholars Conference at Northwestern University. He was named to the Board of Governors of

the Georgia Association for Pastoral Care and is a founding member of the Cathedral Counseling Center, Cathedral of St. Philip, where he serves as a part-time psychotherapist. He is a deacon at St. James Episcopal church in Marietta and completed his 14th Atlanta half-marathon.**Shirley Guthrie**, professor emeritus of theology, preached and taught at Trinity church, Starkville, MS. He taught at the Lay School of Theology for presbytery of Arkansas and at the Lay Academy, First church, Atlanta. He taught Sunday school at Trinity church, Atlanta, spoke at presbytery of Philadelphia, and lectured at Furman University. Cam Murchinson, dean of faculty, is a member of the teaching team for the Brotherhood Class at Central church, Atlanta. He participated in the installation service for **Brandi '00** and **Andy Casto-Waters '01** at John Knox church, Greenville, SC, and led a workshop on stewardship in a Board of Pensions-sponsored conference for new pastors at Montreat. He participated in the annual meeting of AAR/SBL, and he was part of a Columbia delegation to visit partner theological schools in Jamaica and Cuba.....**Sharon Core '91** married Nick Kuhn on Nov. 3 at Arlington, VA, church, where she is pastor.....**Jim Watkins '71** (DMin '77), director of the Faith and the City Program, taught

church school at Shallowford church, Atlanta, and at the Decatur church. He helped plan Presbyterian Day at the Georgia State Capital, led a public policy advocacy workshop for Charlotte presbytery and a strategic planning process for a new Greater Atlanta/Palestine partnership; and facilitated the third public leadership event for PC(USA) seminaries. He wrote "Thinking Again about the Reformed Faith and Public Life" in conjunction with **Mark Douglas** and **Lew Mudge**.....**Diane Freedlander '01** is pastor of Church in the Pines, Laurel Hill, NC.....**Brian Wren**, professor of worship, gave lectures and workshops for the Northern Rockies Institute of Theology and the Montana Council of Churches in Great Falls. He led a workshop for the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, led worship and gave a presentation at the Southwest cluster of the presbytery of Greater Atlanta, participated in the North American Academy of Liturgy in Reston, VA, and led a seminar at Westminster College, Cambridge. He was the Stuart C. Henry lecturer at Duke University Divinity School and led a workshop with the Rocky Mount District of the United Methodist Church.....**Jim Reinarz '97** is pastor of First church, Grand Prairie, TX.**Emily Heath '01** is chaplain resident at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. □



Mary Alice Kemp, longtime Decatur resident and part-time receptionist at Columbia, was sworn in on January 7 as a member of the City Council. She won 73 percent of the vote in the November 6 election. A member of the Greater Atlanta presbytery's committee on preparation for ministry, she was raised in the Mars Hill church in Cherokee Presbytery. Kemp has been a member of North Decatur Presbyterian Church for 29 years and has served as an elder and as clerk of session. Her four "wonderful" grown daughters are fifth-generation Presbyterians.

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Dr. Richards led the seminary through its first tentative years in

Decatur, through the daunting challenges of the Depression and World War II, and into the 1950s and 1960s when his stand on civil rights was well known. In 1962, he was a co-author of *A Minister's Manifesto*, which called for the preservation of Atlanta's public schools in the face of the state's threats to close them rather than desegregate.

That Columbia today is able to provide its students an outstanding educational experience can be attributed in large part to Dr. Richards' prudent and visionary leadership. He knew the value of a permanent endowment and worked to build relationships to increase those resources. By the end of his 39-year tenure, the financial assets of the seminary had grown from less than \$1 million to more than \$6 million. Given his extraordinary efforts to ensure the future of the seminary, it is fitting that the J. McDowell Richards Society bears his name.

If you have already included Columbia Seminary in your will or estate plans, please let us know. Contact Michael Carey at 404-687-4573. □



Laura Mendenhall with the J. McDowell Richards portrait

Columbia hosts conference on Calvin studies, March 1-2

PASTORS, SCHOLARS, AND lay people interested in the life and work of John Calvin will gather at Columbia Theological Seminary on March 1-2 for the latest of a series begun in Davidson, North Carolina. Speakers include professors from seminaries in five states and two cities in Britain. Columbia's Office of Advanced Studies will host this event, which will take place in the Harrington Center.

The conference begins at 2 P.M. on Friday, March 1, with David F. Wright, professor of ecclesiastical history, New College, Edinburgh, Scotland, speaking on "Calvin's Sermons and Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles." Randall Zachman, professor of historical theology at Notre Dame University, will present "Calvin's Sermons on Ephesians: Expounding and Applying Scripture," followed by Timothy George, dean at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama, who will speak on "Calvin's Ministry and the Ministry of Today."

Beginning at 9 A.M. on Saturday there will be a forum on Issues in Calvin's Scriptural Interpretation and Theology. Speakers and topics include

the following: Anthony N. S. Lane, professor of historical theology at London Bible College, "The Role of Scripture in Calvin's Doctrine of Justification"; Richard Burnett, interim pastor, First Presbyterian Church in Waynesville, North Carolina, "Calvin and Hermeneutics"; Gary Neal Hanson, assistant professor of church history at University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, "John Calvin's Non-Literal Interpretation of Scripture: On Allegory"; and Merwyn Johnson, professor of theology at Erskine Theological Seminary, "Calvin and Patterns of Identity in Reformed Theology." The conference is scheduled to end at 12:30 P.M.

Registration for the event is \$20, not including the banquet (\$15) and room and board for those staying on campus. Housing will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis at the seminary. Rooms have also been reserved, at a conference rate, at the nearby Holiday Inn Select in Decatur, 404-371-0204.

For information or to register for the event, call 404-687-4534 or email AdvancedStudies@CTSnet.edu.



Columbia Friendship Circle Council's fall meeting brought together representatives from 14 presbyteries in the synods of Living Waters and South Atlantic. Those attending sat in on classes, visited with President Laura Mendenhall, and met the Columbia Friendship Circle scholarship recipients for 2001-2002. Come See Columbia Day is Thursday, April 18, 2002. Worship will be led by Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, professor of Old Testament, language, literature and exegeis. Scholarship recipients will speak, lunch will be served, and seminary classes and campus tours will be offered in the afternoon. For more information, and reservations, call 404-687-4566.



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